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SUBJECT: ATTEMPTS TO OPEN CONTACTS WITH UNITA

1. IN MAY 30 COMMUNIQUE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF ARMED FORCES IN ANGOLA ANNOUNCED THAT ATTEMPTS WERE BEING MADE THROUGH A CATHOLIC MISSIONARY NEAR LUSO TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH JONAS SAVIMBI, HEAD OF UNITA. LENGTHY COMMUNIQUE SAID THIS IS PART OF MFA'S PROGRAM TO OPEN UP "UNOFFICIAL" DIALOGUE BETWEEN ALL RACES AND GROUPS IN ANGOLA, AND HINTED THAT IT WOULD LIKE DO SAME WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER TWO "EMANCIPATION MOVEMENTS."

2. COMMENT: CONGEN OFFICER HAD OPPORTUNITY MAY 27 TO SPEAK WITH THE MISSIONARY (A YOUNG DOMINICAN) IN LUSO WHO IS TRYING CONTACT SAVIMBI. HE SAID HE HAD EARLIER DEALINGS WITH SAVIMBI AND UNITA, SINCE HIS MISSION IS LOCATED IN UNITA'S OPERATING AREA SE OF LUSO, AND THOUGHT HE COULD RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT EASILY. PORTUGUESE ARMY HOPES TO PROVE ITS GOOD FAITH IN SAVIMBI, LOOKING TO A FUTURE LAYING DOWN OF ARMS AND RETURN OF PRODIGAL SONS TO FREE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. COMMUNIQUE, SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVE IN TONE, SEEMS OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO PREPARE PUBLIC OPINION FOR OVERT CONTACTS WITH WHAT ARE NOW NO LONGER REFERRED

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TO AS "TERRORISTS."

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